REMARKS

Amendments to the claims:

There are no amendments to the claims. However, claims 8, 10-15 and 19-22 have been withdrawn in view of the election of species discussed herein below.

Election/Restriction:

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The Examiner has imposed an election/restriction on the application. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species, which are: Species I of claim 8; Species II of claim 15; and Species III of claims 23, 25, 27, 30 and 33.

In response, the Applicant elects without traverse Species III. Inasmuch as the Examiner has indicated that Species III includes claims 23, 25, 27, 30 and 33, the Applicant, in accordance with the applicable requirements, identifies those claims and the claims depending therefrom as encompassing the elected species. Specifically, the Applicant identifies claims 3, 4, 23 and 25-33 as encompassing the elected species.

Summary

The Applicant believes this response/amendment constitutes a full and complete reply to the office action mailed October 09, 2007. The Applicant respectfully requests timely allowance of claims 3, 4, 8, 10-15, 19-23 and 25-33.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the below-signed attorney if the Examiner believes this will facilitate prosecution toward allowance of the claims.

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